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## Hudgins Accepts Executive Post

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Sunday afternoon Jan. 26, formally accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective Feb. 3, according to Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, Board president.

Dr. Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson since 1946, had been elected by the Board at a called meeting held Jan. 21 at the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson.

Dr. Moore said that Dr. Hudgins submitted his resignation to the First Baptist Church in Jackson Sunday morning and then relayed his acceptance to him early Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Moore said further that "I make this announcement with great personal delight and with the confident conviction that his dedicated ministry will effectively thrust forward the outreach of our Baptist life throughout Mississippi and around the world. 'I appeal to the more than 500,000 members of our almost 1,900 churches and to our Christian friends everywhere to pray for our new leader as he assumes this gigantic responsibility.'"

In giving the acceptance of his new position Dr. Hudgins made the following statement Sunday afternoon: "With deep conviction that only God's leadership could have brought about my election as Executive Secretary in the Convention Board's ac-

tion on January 21, and with peaceful contentment of heart that I am within our Father's will, I have informed Dr. Levon Moore, President of the Convention Board, that I have accepted the position of Executive Secretary.

"When elected last Tuesday, I could not give an affirmative answer because I was under other obligations. Sunday, January 26, I resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Jackson, and immediately informed the President of the Board of my formal acceptance of the position to which I had been elected.

I plan to begin my service on February 3. Denominational conferences, planning sessions, and organizational details necessitate a delay until February 23 any opportunity to be of service to our churches over the State. My initial activities on a Sunday will commence on that date.

"Naturally, I will not be able to do all that might be requested, but I will endeavor to put such priorities on my time as will achieve the most for our work."

"For twenty-three years I have loved Mississippi Baptists and I trust the months ahead will give me an opportunity to be of some small service to them. I cast myself on your daily remembrance and prayerful support."

Accepted "With Regrets" The First Baptist Church of Jackson, scene of the meeting each year of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as well as numerous other denominational meetings, accepted the resignation of Dr. Hudgins, "with regrets."

In his statement to the overflow congregation the well-known pastor gave a moving recital of his career as a minister.

He pointed out many instances of

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### Routh Congratulates

Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., on Monday of this week sent a telegram to Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, congratulating Mississippi Baptists upon Dr. Hudgins' election as Executive Secretary. The text of the message follows:

"Congratulations to Mississippi Baptists on electing W. Douglas Hudgins as Executive Secretary to succeed the beloved Chester Quarles. Dr. Hudgins' wide denominational experience, administrative skill, missionary zeal, compassionate pastoral perspective, and above all, his dependence on the Holy Spirit, equip him in a wonderful way for this new challenge."

## Americans United Challenges 'Unrelated' Tax Exemption

NEW YORK CITY (C-SNS) — Tax exemption for the "unrelated" commercial businesses of churches is the object of a lawsuit filed today by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Americans United is the principal plaintiff, along with Glenn L. Archer, the organization's executive direc-

tor, C. Stanley Lowell, associate director, and C. David Young, the organization's regional director in New York City.

The suit seeks to require the Director of Internal Revenue to collect taxes from the Stratford Retreat House, a church which owns and operates a number of commercial enterprises.

The complaint charges that under Section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code there is granted to a variety of unrelated businesses owned by the Stratford Retreat House and other churches, "an exemption from federal income tax which is granted to no other federal income taxpayer, individual or corporate."

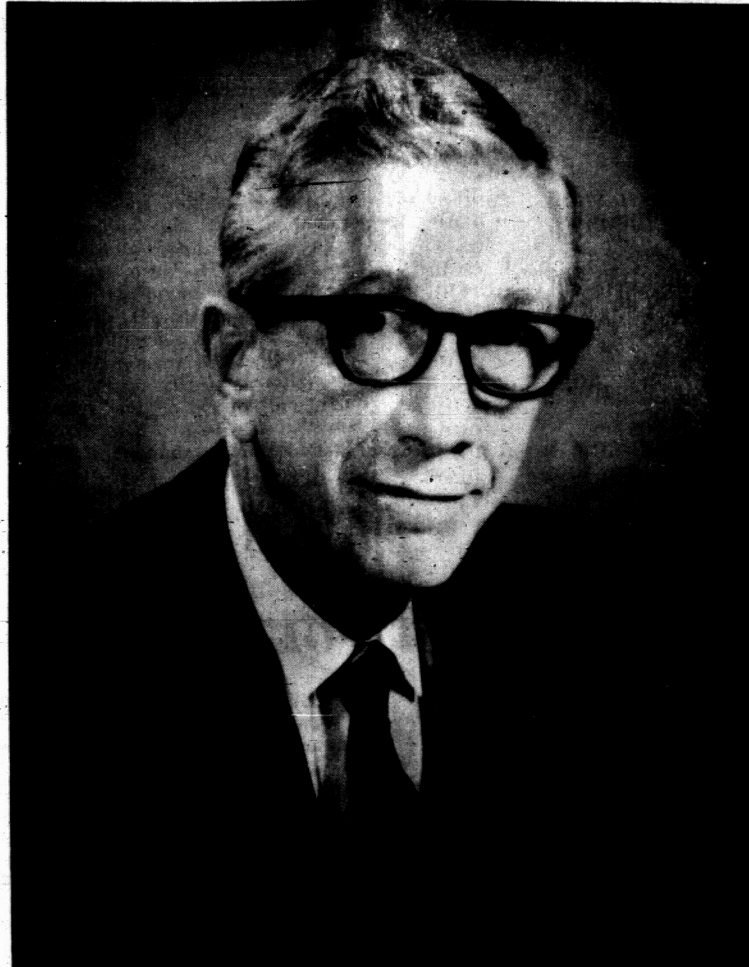
It is further stated that the sales volume of the various divisions of the church known as Stratford Retreat House "runs between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually and that the tax avoided by this unconstitutional exemption... greatly exceeds \$10,000,000 annually."

The plaintiffs allege that as a result of such exemptions made to churches, the plaintiffs and others "have property taken from them other than by due process of law, in violation of the Fifth Amendment... and are thereby denied equal protection of the law, in violation of the Ninth Amendment."

Such an act of favoritism it was said, also violates the First Amendment, which provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Commercial businesses said to be owned by Stratford Retreat House include wholesale industrial hardware, retail light bulbs, and ship repairs. The businesses were acquired from Brighter Homes Corporation, Montclair, N. J.; U. S. Distributors, Inc., Shelby, N. C.; Pliers Repairs, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and inventory and some machinery of Brach Mfg. Division of General Bronze Corp., Woodbury, N. Y.

Americans United was formerly known as POAW. (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State). Headquarters is in Washington, D. C., center of much of the activity of the organization.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins

## A New Leader

(AN EDITORIAL)

Mississippi Baptists have chosen a new leader.

He is Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, for the past twenty-three years pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church.

He was elected Executive Secretary of the Convention Board by that body on January 21, and now has accepted the position, and will begin his work on February 3.

The new executive is tenth in a succession of illustrious leaders who have served Mississippi Baptists in a secretarial capacity. The first was Rev. T. J. Walne, who was chosen for the position in 1873 and served for almost ten years. The last was the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles who served

from 1950 to 1968. In between were Lewis Ball (1883-1885); J. B. Gambrell (1885-1887); John T. Christian (1887-1893); A. V. Rowe (1893-1913); J. B. Lawrence (1913-1921); R. B. Gunter (1921-1939) and D. A. McCall (1939-1950).

It is probable that in all of these years no man has come to this office, more thoroughly prepared in background, ability, training or experience than Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

He comes from a background of denominational service, since his father was for many years the Secretary of Sunday School Work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. His mother was the daughter of a Baptist preacher.

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## W. Douglas Hudgins: Man For This Hour

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Meet Mister Baptist," wrote a columnist in a Jackson newspaper several years ago when Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He quoted Dr. Hudgins: "A minister today should have a speaking knowledge of various aspects of science, the arts, business and world affairs. He should be at home where his call takes him."

No one could be more at home than Dr. Hudgins will be where his latest call is taking him—to the office of executive secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. All members of the Nominating Committee were unwaveringly convinced that he had been prepared "for this particular moment in the life of Mississippi Baptists." The entire Convention Board agreed.

When Dr. Hudgins presented his resignation last Sunday to First Baptist Church of Jackson, where he had been pastor for 23 years, he used for his message a text from Proverbs: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths." He told how God had led him down through the years to this particular point in his own personal destiny.

Hardly a major news story has appeared concerning Mississippi Baptists in the past twenty years that did not somewhere carry the name of W. Douglas Hudgins. His face is familiar to television viewers and his voice to radio listeners.

Besides two years' service as Mississippi Baptist Convention president, he has done duty as chairman of the Convention Board's Executive Committee, and in innumerable other places of denominational service.

One fall at the convention he introduced the issue of the drastic need for a new Baptist Building. Then, as chairman of the Building Committee, he entered with his usual zest and enthusiasm into the venture, no thought of failure bothering him. He watched the building go up across the street from First Baptist Church, from the pouring of the foundation to the final dab of paint. He even did a little research to find out exactly how much steel would go into the structure. On moving day, when the new building was being occupied, he, mindful of the fresh carpets, followed the movers up and down the corridors with a vacuum cleaner. In November, when the building was dedicated, it was he, appropriately, who presided at the dedication service. He has long been friend and confidante to Baptist Building employees.

Illustrative of his droll wit, this story has been told again and again: On the day of government auction of the Gulfshore property on Henderson Point, interested buyers and spectators gathered, among them the committee representing Mississippi Baptists. The head auctioneer stood in front of a truck by the moss-covered oaks near the Commandant's house. The crowd stood near the auctioneer's truck, most of them excitedly speculating on who would be the success-

ful bidder. An electric organ in the back of the truck sounded like a circus callopie.

Suddenly the head auctioneer shouted, "Come on, hit that thing!" And the organist started playing, "When the Saints Go Marching In." Dr. Hudgins leaned over to Dr. Quarles and said, "Ches, do you hear that? The Lord is going to let us have that property!" He was right.

On occasions when controversial issues would begin to get out of hand at some meeting of the annual convention, he, with his calm, self-possessed, level-headed common sense has stepped behind the micro-

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## Professor At N.O. Resigns In Protest

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Robert R. Soileau, after 11½ years on the faculty, has resigned his position under protest.

His resignation was announced officially, nearly two months after the resignation was submitted, in a joint statement released in late January by H. Leo Eddleman, president of the seminary, and A. Morgan Brian Jr., president of the board of trustees, both of New Orleans.

Eddleman and Brian said that the major complaints given by professor Soileau (pronounced "swallow") included what he termed "oppressive practices" by the administration and trustees, which resulted in his not being promoted for seven years.

The associate professor of theology, who now is studying on a doctor of philosophy degree at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, gave these three reasons for his resignation in a written statement to Baptist Press:

(1) A conflict with the administration over ideals and principles; (2) the deterioration of the academic climate of the school; and (3) The theological direction the seminary is taking toward a more conservative point of view.

On the first point, Soileau said that the conflict with the administration over ideals and principles "has resulted in administrative and economic pressure being applied to me personally in such a way as to make it impossible to remain. The nature of the pressure raises in my mind serious ethical issues."

"Second, the academic climate of the school has seriously deteriorated. Education is possible only in an atmosphere conducive to open inquiry... Where students are warned to avoid certain professors and books, where they are encouraged to challenge and even attack professors who present ideas different from their

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## 1967 Protestant Gifts Top \$3.6 Billion

NEW YORK, N. Y. Jan. 25 — Members of 73 U. S. Protestant denominations gave their churches a total of \$3,612,671,698.00 during fiscal 1967, according to a new report on church financial statistics released today by the National Council of Churches.

Five additional Canadian communions in the survey reported a total income of \$136,559,317.00.

These and other church financial figures are included in a new booklet (Report on Church Financial Statistics and Related Data) published for the National Council's Section on Stewardship and Benevolence, under direction of Dr. Nordan C. Murphy.

Comparison of the new figures with those of previous years is virtually impossible, Dr. Murphy said, because the number of church bodies reporting in the current survey far surpasses those in previous surveys. In 1966, for example, 41 U. S. church bodies in that year's survey reported a total annual income of \$2,973,285,264.00.

The 73 church bodies do not, however, include all recognized churches in the U. S. A. Missing from the list are such major groups as the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ—Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and the Church of Christ Scientist which do not publicize stewardship figures. Also missing are figures for numerous Eastern Orthodox church bodies, and for the same reason. There are 124 U. S. A. church bodies listed in the Yearbook of American Churches.

The report shows that the average per member contribution to church bodies in 1967 was \$73.95. When combined with the five additional Canadian bodies reporting, the average per member contribution worked out to \$80.06.

The "givingest" church members of all appear to be those affiliated with

the relatively small United Missionary Church (11,733 members) who contributed an average \$369.47 in 1967. This church, with headquarters in Elkhart, Ind., estimates that one out of every 100 of its members serves as a foreign missionary.

A number of other small evangelical church bodies reported high per member contribution averages, including the Seventh Day Adventists (\$315.62), Wesleyan Methodist Church in America (\$289.90), Pilgrim Holiness Church (\$247.58), National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (\$246.83), and the Brethren in Christ Church

(\$241.36). The highest figure among the five major Canadian churches reporting was \$131.84 in per member giving in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

19.21 Into Benevolences The report shows that among the U. S. A. churches supplying breakdown statistics, an average of 19.21 per cent of all contributions was channeled into benevolence use (such as national and foreign missions and church relief programs), while 80.79 per cent was earmarked for local congregational expenses (church upkeep, ministerial salaries and the like).

Citing U. S. Department of Commerce figures, the report also states that the value of new construction of religious buildings took a downward turn from the all-time high of \$1,174,000,000 in 1966. The figure for 1967 is \$1,093,000,000.

The analysis of per capita giving used by the NCC researchers is based on total membership of churches rather than on communicant membership alone. This was done to make a comparable membership base for all religious bodies reporting.

Major denominations listed included

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## REA Will Meet In Biloxi Feb. 20-22

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will be held Feb. 20-22 at the Hotel Buena Vista in Biloxi.

Paul Harrell, of Jackson, president, said that more than 75 Baptist religious education workers from every section of the state are expected to attend.

Principal speakers will include Dr. Kenneth C. Wagner of Jackson, director of Mississippi Research and Development Center; Norman Godfrey, associate, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; Miss Elaine Dickson, assistant to Promotion Division Director of Southern Baptist WMU; Birmingham; Dr. Philip B. Harris, secretary, State Training Department and Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary Sunday School Department, both of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Theme for conference will be "Living Faith"

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Miss Virginia Johnson

## State YWA Director Resigns Position

Miss Virginia Johnson, Young Woman's Auxiliary director for Mississippi Baptist WMU, has resigned, effective Jan. 24, according to Dr. Edwin Robinson, WMU executive secretary.

Miss Johnson will be married on Feb. 1 to Rev. Ovis E. Fairley of Miles City, Montana.

The wedding will take place at 2:00 p. m. at the Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson with Rev. Judson Jackson, uncle of the bride, officiating.

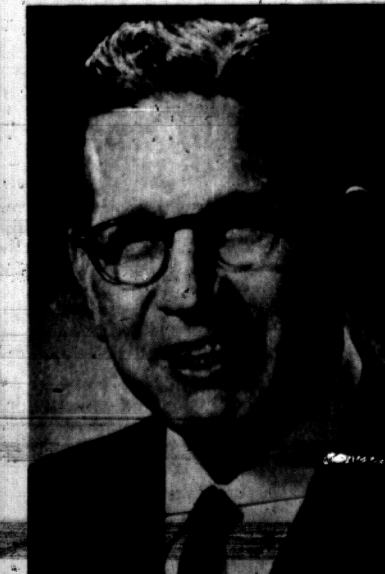
Miss Johnson is the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil.

She was graduated from Harrison

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Miss Elaine Dickson



Dr. Philip B. Harris



## Inaugural Prayer

By BILLY GRAHAM

At the Inauguration of Richard M. Nixon  
Washington, D. C.,  
Monday, January 20, 1969

Our Father and our God, Thou hast said, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord." We recognize on this historic occasion that we are "a nation under God." We thank Thee for this torch of faith handed to us by our forefathers. May we never let it be extinguished. Thou alone hast given us our prosperity, our freedom and our power. This faith in God is our heritage and our foundation!

Thou hast warned us in the Scriptures, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" As George Washington reminded us in his farewell address, morality and faith are the pillars of our society. We confess these pillars are being eroded in an increasingly materialistic and permissive society. The whole world is watching to see if the faith of our fathers will stand the trials and tests of the hour. Too long we have neglected Thy word and ignored Thy laws. Too long we have tried to solve one problem without reference to thee. Too long we have tried to live by bread alone. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping a whirlwind of crime, division, and rebellion.

And now with the wages of our sins staring us in the face, we remember Thy words, "If my people who are called by my Name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Help us this day to turn from our sins and to turn by simple faith to the One who said, "Ye must be born again."

So we pray, "O God, as we enter a new era, that we as a nation may experience a moral and spiritual restoration."

Thou hast said, "Promotion comes not from the east nor from the west, but from Thee." We acknowledge Thy divine help in the selection of our leadership each four

years. We recognize, O Lord, that in Thy sovereignty Thou has permitted Richard Nixon to lead us at this momentous hour of our history.

We beseech Thee that he will have Thy divine guidance and power daily. Help him as Thou didst help Thy servants of old. Our Father, we know his burdens and responsibilities will be overwhelming. He will hold in his hands the destiny of more people than any man in history. O God, our new President needs Thee as no man ever needed Thee in leading a people! There will be times when he will be overwhelmed by the problems at home and abroad that have been building up to the breaking point for many years. Protect him from physical danger. And in the lonely moments of decision grant him an uncompromising courage to do what is morally right. Give him a cool head and a warm heart. Give him a compassion for those in physical, moral, and spiritual need. We pray that Thou wilt so guide Richard Nixon in handling the affairs of state that the whole world will marvel and glorify Thee.

O God, we consecrate Richard Milhous Nixon to the Presidency of these United States with the assurance that from this hour on, as he and his family move into the White House, they will have the presence and the power of Thy Son who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

What we pray for President Nixon we pray for Vice President Agnew and members of the Cabinet. May they be given a wisdom and a courage that is beyond their own. Bless them as a team to lead America to the dawning of a new day with renewed trust in God that will lead to peace, justice, and prosperity.

We pray this humbly in the Name of the Prince of Peace who shed His blood on the Cross that men might have eternal life. Amen.



Dr. Kenneth C. Wagner



Dr. A. V. Washburn

### REA Will . . .

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ing the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

The objective will be: "Understanding the Spirit of the '70's.'"

Special features will include four conferences for church staff secretaries, conferences for wives of church staff workers, special music and Baptist Book Store exhibits.

The church staff conferences will be led by James A. Sheffield, consultant in Church Administration Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Those to attend will include church staff members, denominational workers, teachers of religious education and others interested in religious education.

Other officers of the association are Ronald Mills, Natchez, vice-president; Mrs. Leslie Harper, Jackson, secretary; Milton Byrd, Cleveland, chorister; and Ben Scarborough, Bruce, pianist.

The conference will begin Thursday at 1:00 p. m. and continue through Saturday morning.

The annual banquet will be held Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

### Second Avenue, Laurel In Disaster Area

Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, was in the disaster area, when a number of Southern Railway tank cars exploded last Saturday morning, but received only minor damage, according to a telephone report from a member on Monday morning. Rev. Edward J. Harvey is pastor.

The whole area was closed off for part of the day Sunday, so that there could be no services at the church at the morning hours, but the evening services were held.

While there were some property losses sustained by some members with one family losing its home, no one was injured in the blast.

Second Avenue was the only Southern Baptist church directly affected by the blast.

### State YWA . . .

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Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn., and received a bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

She also holds the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Fairley was graduated from McLain High school, received a bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He is serving as pastor of the Miles City Baptist Church in the Montana city.

### '67 Protestant . . .

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the Methodist Church with a per capita figure of \$64.61, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. with \$140.16, United Church of Christ, \$85.56, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., \$111.37, Southern Baptist Convention, \$63.17, and American Baptist Convention, \$82.64.

# New Orleans Professor Resigns

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own, and where, in some cases, they are encouraged to walk out of classes where they do not agree with the point of view of the professor, the purpose of an academic institution and an education is completely thwarted.

"Such conditions now exist at New Orleans Seminary," Solleau continued. "This deplorable situation is due to the influence of one faculty member who has enjoyed favor and full support from the administration."

"Third," he said, "the theological direction of the school makes it impossible for me to continue. Many Southern Baptists remember the J. Frank Norris era. The bitterness and divisiveness of that period ought not to be revived."

"The administration's play for the support of certain extreme conservative forces has led to the present situation," he stated.

President Eddleman, in replying to these reasons stated in a letter of resignation, said that he would not even attempt to answer all of his statements in detail because "your letter of resignation is so replete with inaccuracies, quotations out of context, quotations without concomitant contingencies, not to mention conversations most assuredly projected in a conditional context of the subjective mood."

In their joint statement, Eddleman

and Brian specifically replied to Solleau's complaint of not being promoted, giving these reasons:

"1. Eight other New Orleans Seminary faculty members served or now serve in the rank of associate professor for periods ranging from five to 13 years.

"2. The academic sources relied on most by the administration and trustees for initiating faculty promotions . . . did not recommend him for promotion."

Brian, an attorney affiliated with the New Orleans firm of Deutsch, Kerrigan and Stiles, said in a telephone interview that Solleau had been carrying "on an intensive letter-writing campaign since his resignation, requesting investigations of the matter by both the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the two agencies which accredit the seminary."

"We are not going to let the AATS put us on the witness stand over the fact that a faculty member has resigned," Brian said.

Contacted in Dayton, Ohio, the executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, Jesse H. Ziegler, stated that the association has scheduled a regular ten-year self-study and re-evaluation of New Orleans Seminary this spring, in which the association will "look at all aspects of the life and operation of the school."

He explained that three years ago, the association decided to schedule all seminars with doctoral programs during the first five years. "We are simply scheduling New Orleans Seminary this spring, and at that time, all aspects of the school will be examined," including the adequacy of the faculty, the quality of the student body, the quality of the administration, the tone of the school, and the resignation of professors.

### Reaction Is Mixed

Eddleman said after correspondence with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that the case had been closed by that accrediting agency, but the executive director of the association, Gordon W. Sweet of Atlanta, said that the case never really had been opened, adding that the Southern Association does not have an adequate staff to conduct such investigations.

Reaction among the faculty members and student body here to Solleau's resignation was mixed, and difficult to determine.

Solleau said in a telephone interview the faculty members who had talked to him reacted with "disappointment, regret, and sympathy to his point of view."

When asked of faculty response to the resignation, Eddleman said they had been very faithful, and he had seen a perceptible intensification of their loyalty to the administration.

The student body appeared to be divided. A total of 240 of the seminary's 700-plus students signed a statement of appreciation for Solleau as a man "of the utmost honesty and integrity" and expressing "deep regret" for the irreplaceable loss caused by his resignation.

Another factor in his resignation, said Solleau in his written statement to Baptist Press, was a conflict with another faculty member "who has been promoted, pushed and rewarded for his attacks on professors, individuals, institutions, and agencies of the entire convention."

Brian, in an interview, said that if Solleau had a complaint, he should have come to the board of trustees and requested a hearing, instead of making oblique approaches, initiating a letter-writing campaign, and sending out his own news release.

Brian denied that the board or the administration had taken any kind of pressure, economic or otherwise, against Solleau or anyone else. "In fact, the Executive Committee voted to give him pay three months beyond his Jan. 13 termination date," Brian said.

He added that there "is a definite desire on the part of the trustees and the administration to be strongly conservative theologically," and "we are dedicated to that position."

Eddleman added that the board is only composed of members elected by the Southern Baptist Convention on the recommendation of the committee on boards, and this conservatism is a reflection of the makeup of the SBC.

Eddleman added that he did not feel that the views of Solleau, who comprised only one forty-fourth of the faculty, should carry much weight with the entire SBC.

Although Eddleman said he felt Solleau was "anti-denomination," the resigning professor said that his resignation was not from the denomination and its program. "My roots in Baptist soil are too deep to be destroyed by outside divisive reactionaries," said Solleau.

"Silence, under the present conditions, would signal consent," he concluded. "The very thought of consent under existing conditions is intolerable."

## 69 Appointees Prepare For Overseas Service

RIDGECREST, N. C. — January 20

— Today our nation's new president inaugurates a four-year term of office and you inaugurate a four-month learning experience that I believe has greater potential significance. These were the first words that 69 Southern Baptist missionary appointees heard from Dr. W. David Lockard, director of missionary orientation for the Foreign Mission Board, as they began the spring, 1969, orientation session at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

"You are here to prepare for new

roles as ministers, to gain insights and skills that will strengthen your ministries overseas," Dr. Lockard told the 33 couples and three single women who will undergo intensive, specialized preparation for their assignments in 23 countries. They are among 2,372 Southern Baptist missionaries under assignment to 69 countries or other geographical entities.

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the division of mission support for the Board, told the new missionaries (48 career appointees, 20 missionary associates, and one special project nurse) that their orientation experiences will in some ways simulate experiences they can expect to have overseas.

They should expect to acquire new rules of behavior based on new relationships in a new environment, Dr. Fletcher said. "Most of your relationships up to now have been superficial in comparison with those you are about to have," he explained. "You are changing into a role that is itself changing. Modern missionaries are growing into deeper involvement in the lives of those to whom they minister."

"You husbands and fathers may experience new forms of ministry in orientation that will be analogous to new forms of ministry overseas. You may find this in assisting your wives and children in seemingly small family matters. Jesus washed his disciples' feet; you may minister by filling someone's oatmeal bowl."

The new missionaries are the parents of 70 children, 66 of whom are at Ridgecrest. Miss Grace Ligon and a staff of seven teachers provide day care for 32 preschoolers, while 34 older children attend area public schools.

Rev. Donald H. Rose, former missionary associate for Germany, is associate director of missionary orientation.

## Missionary Pleads For Reinforcements

By Roberta E. Hampton

RECIFE, Brazil — Thirty months without missionary reinforcements. This is the "record" of the North Brazil Baptist Mission, which covers a territory larger than most Latin American countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries. Add to this lack of reinforcements the loss of missionaries due to retirement, transfer, or resignation and the picture becomes even more serious.

At present three of the six states in the Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) are manned by only one missionary couple each. Imagine a state the size of West Virginia with only one missionary couple and fewer than 15 Baptist pastors! Three so-called "permanent" stations have been left without workers; others are greatly understaffed.

If missionaries were available for immediate appointment, it would be at least 18 months before they could arrive on the field. Four months of stateside orientation and a year in Portuguese language study would precede their getting started in their work.

The 77 missionaries of the North Brazil Mission — 14 of these on furlough — feel that God still calls laborers for the fields white unto harvest. They ask you to join with them in praying that this needy and responsive field will receive more workers soon.

## Hudgins Accepts . . .

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events of such striking coincidence that he could interpret them only as the leading of the Lord of his life. As a conclusion, he read a statement which said, in part:

"Having been elected on last Tuesday, January 21, by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as the Executive Secretary of that Board, and immediately thereafter having had the opportunity to share the matter with our deacons in a called session, and

"With a deep conviction that only the guidance of the Lord could have brought such a decision on the Board's part, and

"Fervently desiring always to follow what I believe is the will of God, and with anguish deeper than any emotion will reveal, I herewith submit to you my resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., in order that I may accept the position to which I have been elected."

"It is my desire, if you would so approve, to terminate my service as pastor at the close of the morning worship service on February 6, 1969."

APRIL 20-26

## Church Library Emphasis Part Of National Library Week

NASHVILLE — A goal of 3,300 established libraries committed to participate in National Library Week — Church Library Emphasis, April 20-26, has been set by the church library department of the Sunday School Board.

In keeping with the theme for the week, "Be all you Can Be — Read," a list of suggested readings for adults and children has been compiled.

Broadman Press books recommended for adults by the church library

## Whitlow Resigns As Executive Secretary Arkansas Convention

LITTLE ROCK (BP) — S. A. Whitlow has announced his resignation as executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention here, effective June 30.

In a letter to the executive board of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which he read at the close of the board's annual January meeting, Whitlow expressed gratitude "for the privilege of serving in the capacity of executive secretary for more than 11 years," and pledged his "continued prayerful and loyal support to our denomination as it attempts to minister to the needs of men."

Whitlow, 63, told the board he was resigning because his heart is still in the pastorate. He said he hopes to return to preaching in a small church somewhere near his home in Hope, Arkansas.

The resignation was accepted with many expressions of appreciation for Whitlow's leadership and a committee was named to plan official recognition for his services.

The board was holding its annual meeting in the recently completed new Baptist building, located in Little Rock at 335 West Capitol Ave.

Whitlow was succeeded by J. B. Hargis as executive secretary. Plans are being worked out for the dedication of the building sometime this

department are W. A. Criswell's *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True*, Joe W. Burton's *Light From Above*, Wayne E. Ward's *The Word Comes Alive*, Robert J. Hastings' *Devotional Talks on Everyday Objects*, D. P. Brooks' *The Bible—How to Understand and Teach It*, Robert G. Witty's *Help Yourself to Happiness*, and Daniel R. Grant's *The Christian and Politics*.

Adult books by other publishers are "Palace of Healing" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson (McGraw-Hill), "Adventurers . . . Scientists Who Are Christians" by James C. Hefley (Zondervan), "Black and Free" by Tom Skinner (Zondervan), "A Place to Stand" by Elton Trueblood (Harper), "The Real and Only Life" by Nancy Peerman (Word), "The New Testament, Vol. 1 — The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles (Collins), and "Then Sings My Soul" by George Beverly Shea with Fred Bauer (Revel).

Broadman Press books for children are "Bible Festivals and Holy Days" by Barbara Bates, "My Book About Jesus" by Rolly Hargis Dillard, and "Together Is a Happy Way" by Eula Wright Crawford.

Books by other publishers also recommended for children are "The Bible Story of the Creation" by Mary Alice Jones (Rand - McNally), "My Greatest Challenge" by Bill Glass (Word), "Spectacles" by Ellen Raskin (Atheneum), "The Strawberry Thumb" by Barbara Klimowicz (Abingdon), "The Remarkable Egg," by Adelaide Holl (Othorp, Lee & Shepard), "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World" by Gene Olson (Westminster) and "We Went Looking" by Aileen Fisher (Crowell).

Promotional suggestions and lists of selected materials for National Library Week will be sent to established libraries by the church library department.

Sam Smoking — Cut Death Rate says British health ministry's chief medical officer, Dr. George Goodber. He believes if smokers were stopped, Britain's death rate could be reduced by ten percent.

## Hub City Church

## New Children's Building

A new children's building was dedicated at University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg following the morning worship hour Sunday, Jan. 26.

The building cost \$80,000, including equipment, and contains 8400 square feet, according to Dr. Graham Hales, pastor, who directed the service of dedication.

The program of improvement included remodeling of college classrooms and fellowship area in addition to landscaping of entire unit.

The new building is part of a master plan of growth and was dedicated "to the ministry of Jesus Christ and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Garner."

The church, which now has over 500 members, will finish its first decade in 1980.

The church has experimented in several types of new ministries through its college departments as well as others.

These include working with juvenile delinquents and children from poverty sections of Hattiesburg as well as a program of ministerial internships for students at Carey College and USM.

The church employs three other students on a scholarship training program.

Sunday evening sermon dialogues, small group discussions, investigation of contemporary problems, in light of New Testament principles has earned for the church the name of "God's Redemptive Sandpaper," given it by Dr. Clyde Bryan, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.



THE NEW Children's Building of University Church, Hattiesburg, dedicated Sunday, Jan. 26.



# Baptists Launch Bern Work In New Meeting Area

About 70 people were present for the first worship service held by Baptists in their new meeting place in Bern, Switzerland. The Bern group rents space in the activities building of a local Reformed Church.

Claus Meister, Ruschlikon, president of the Swiss Baptist Union, presided at the opening service and preached the sermon. He told the congregation that Baptist work in Bern is "more than a matter of denominational pride."

"Baptist work in Bern," he said, "is not motivated simply by the fact that there is no Baptist church in our capital city. Our presence is justified as we, together with the other churches, proclaim the gospel and reach the many people who pass by the church and even God in their daily lives."

Greetings to the group were brought by the president of the Church Council of Bern Canton and by the president of the church council of Nydegg Church, to which the activities building belongs.

"Last summer, I had the opportunity of making the acquaintance of Baptists during the Baptist Youth World Conference held here in Bern," said Max Wyttenbach, cantonal church council president. "I had my first contacts then with Swiss Baptists."

"The official church of Canton Bern heartily welcomes you and is happy for you to use this building. Christians in both Baptist and Reformed churches should work side by side in a brotherly manner."

C. Ronald Goulding, London, secretary of European Baptist Federation, telegraphed greetings: "Baptists in Europe rejoice with you in Bern today and wish God's blessings on the new church."

Out-of-town guests, which Meister said numbered about 30, came from Baptist churches in Zurich, St. Gallen, and Ruschlikon, in the German-speaking section of Switzerland where all the churches in the Swiss Baptist Union are located.

Ruschlikoners included students and professors—Meister himself teaches there—from the Baptist seminary, and staff members of non-seminary Baptist activities there. Visitors from St. Gallen drove about 215 kilometers (135 miles) in order to attend the service, which began at 9:30 a. m.

While Baptist work in Bern is not altogether new, it has lacked an adequate, public meeting place, Meister said. Previous meetings took place in apartments or in restaurants. Union leaders hope that the Bern group, which is the union's home missions project, will be given new impetus from the meeting place located near the city center.

To help the project start well, churches in the union are taking special offerings from Bern. Funds will buy hymnbooks, a pulpit Bible, collection plates, and communion tableware.

The swift-flowing Aare River, which almost surrounds downtown Bern, flows just outside the windows of the meeting room. This led someone to comment afterward that it was too bad the Aare was unsuitable for baptisms, for then the Bern congregation would have the largest baptistry in Switzerland.

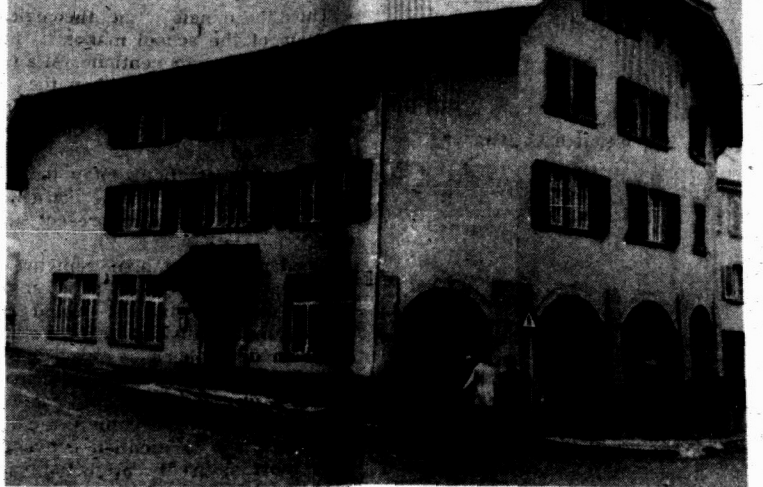
Meister preached from Isaiah 5:1-7 and Matthew 21:33-42, two accounts about vineyards. He said the most important element about these stories is that they were used to deliver a personal thrust at hearers.

"God has to address you, confront you personally, if there is to be a real worship experience," he continued. Messages from the Bern pulpit, he hoped, would give the congregation a personal encounter with God every Sunday morning.

Gunter Wagner, another Ruschlikon seminary professor, was to preach the following Sunday. All services are conducted in German. Pastors of Swiss Baptist churches and German-speaking professors and students at Ruschlikon will take turns as pulpit supply, according to Meister.

The meeting room comfortably seats over 100 and could seat as many as 125. It contains organ and grand piano. An upstairs room was used at the opening service for an after-service fellowship, and will continue to be used each week. Coffee, tea, and cakes are served.

Nydegg Church, whose auditorium is located nearby but not next door, moved its children's Sunday School classes out of the activities building so that Baptists might rent it. (EBPS)



BAPTISTS RENT SPACE in this building near the city center for their worship services in Bern, Switzerland. The structure is the activities building belonging to Nydegg Reformed Church. During the 1968 Baptist Youth World Conference there, key Bernese leaders became acquainted with Swiss Baptists for the first time. Eventually this led to providing facilities for Baptists to use. Worshipers are shown entering the building for the opening service in new quarters. Baptist work in Bern is not new, but this is the first time they have had adequate, public, and centrally located meeting space. (European Baptist Press Service Photo)

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## Afterthoughts: The Pueblo Crew

By Jimmy Hudson  
Missionary to Korea

"The men of the Pueblo have been released," rushed forth the exciting news over armed forces radio in Seoul, Korea. A few hours later the Army television station beamed the first dramatic films of the Pueblo crew as they made the historic walk to freedom across the 250-foot Bridge of No Return at Panmunjon.

Christmas eve, the next day, a few Baptist missionaries, along with a happy group of Koreans, stood on the observation tower of Seoul's Kimpo airport and watched two giant Air Force transports wing the released crew skyward, bound for America and loved ones.

As the huge airplanes disappeared into the frigid twilight, Missionary Billy G. Colston remarked, "It's just like they are coming back to life again." Indeed it is! Those familiar with current events know something

of what the Pueblo crew suffered for 11 months.

Now they are getting a chance to live again. Someday each person will travel across a "bridge of no return." There is no second chance on the other side.

Every day we see countless hordes of Korean faces. Someday each of them will travel across a "bridge of no return."

Thoughts like this spur us onward as we struggle with the perplexing Korean language. Thoughts like this make us realize why it is necessary to be away from America and loved ones at Christmastime.

## Central, McComb Calls New Pastor

The selection of and acceptance by Rev. S. A. Adkins to fill the pulpit at Central, McComb, effective February 23, has been confirmed by Paul Dykes, chairman of the Pulpit Committee.

Mr. Adkins, a native of Prentiss, and pastor of Calvary Church, Silver Creek, for the past three years, is a graduate of Prentiss High School, holds a BA degree from William Carey College and a Master's degree from New Orleans Seminary. Licensed to preach at 15 and ordained at 20, he has held pastorates in Greene, Walthall, Marion and Lawrence Counties.

During his pastorate at Calvary there have been over 100 additions; the budget increased from \$14,500 to \$25,000 and the church adopted a long range building program for an entire church plant and pastorage. A \$4,000 educational building was erected and plans were adopted and approved for the new pastorage. A Minister of Music was also added to the church staff. He has held offices in the Lawrence County Association as clerk, Vacation Bible School principal, president of the pastors' conference and other related positions.

Mr. Adkins is the son of the former Margaret Burkett of Prentiss and the late S. A. Adkins of Stringer. He and Mrs. Adkins, the former Irby Jean Bourn of Oakvale, are the parents of a 15-month-old son, Scott Aaron.

Mr. Adkins succeeds Rev. Bob Lynch who left Central in October to become pastor of First Church, Morganfield, Kentucky. Rev. H. P. Porter has been interim pastor.

## HARRISVILLE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Harrisville Church will observe its Centennial on Sunday, February 2. Friends and former members are invited to attend on this special occasion.

## How The Bible Got Aboard Apollo 8

MINNEAPOLIS (EP) — A group of Texas Gideons, intrepid couriers of Scripture portions, was responsible for initiating the idea of adding to copy of the Scriptures to the cargo of moon-orbiting Apollo 8, according to Decision editor Sherwood E. Wirt here.

In a phone call to Dr. Wirt from John Leeson of the Gideons, the interesting story unfolded. A new group of Gideons had been meeting each Monday morning for prayer in Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston, Leeson said. One of them confided to the group that he had been praying that God's Word would be aboard the sophisticated craft on its historic mission. Bass Redd, chief of the film

technical branch, of the Manned Spacecraft Center, heard the remark and said, "Let me see what I can do. I know Commander Borman. He is a fine Christian. You claim Jeremiah 33:3."

Nasa, contrary to Madalyn Murray O'Hair's charges that the agency "concocted" the Bible reading feature of the space journal, told Mr. Redd the decision was up to the commander.

In early December the Gideon representative was able to reach Borman and asked, "Do you have a copy of God's Word aboard?" Borman allegedly replied, "No, and I'm

glad you reminded me of it!" (He had said also, according to one observer, "I wish I had thought of it!")

The Gideons presented all three astronauts with New Testaments which they took on the journey to the moon. Commander Borman also took along his personal copy of the Bible. Each edition was covered with non-combustible material. The first 10 verses of Genesis 1 was read by the three astronauts of Christmas Eve from Commander Borman's own Bible, passed — or floated — from man to man.

The interesting story is contained on page 3 of the February 1968 issue of Decision.



## Twenty Attend Training Session

TWENTY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LEADERS attending a training session at the Baptist Building in Jackson Jan. 24 sponsored by the Training Union Department. They will be formed into two-man teams to conduct Adult Learning Laboratories in north Mississippi. Several leaders working in one of two groups is seen, from left, clockwise: Dr. Joel Ray, Hattiesburg; Mose Dangerfield, Clinton; Wayne Burkes (standing), Bolton; Rev. Leon Young, Meridian (standing) Harry Clarke (trainer), Alexandria, Virginia; Bill Hardy, Kosciusko (standing); Jud Nowotny, Gulfport; Franklin Haygood, Eupora; Maurice Hodges, Amory; Warren Trussell, Columbus.

## JUDGE CLEARS WAY FOR SALE OF SBC ORGANIZATION SITE

AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP)—An Augusta superior court judge has lifted a temporary court order restraining the city's First Baptist Church from selling its downtown property—the site of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Judge William M. Fleming had issued a temporary restraining order Dec. 6, 1968, after 14 individuals filed suit to block the church's plan to move to a 32-acre site already purchased on Walton Way.

A majority of the membership voted in May to purchase the Walton Way property, clearing the way for sale of the downtown site.

But, the 14 persons protested, saying the downtown site should be saved for historic purposes. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized at the Augusta church in 1854, but the building in which the SBC was formed was replaced by the present building in 1902.

Church officers announced last May that appropriate historical markers will be placed on the present site after the move is made.

Judge Fleming's brief order of last week gave no explanation for his lifting of the restraining order.

George Linney, church moderator, said: "We are gratified over the court's decision upholding the cherished Baptist principle of majority rule in the local church."

## Home Board Raises Church Loan Limits

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors here have raised the church loans fund ceiling from \$75,000 to \$100,000, effective Jan. 1, 1969.

At the same time, the directors approved raising of the site loan limit from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"Our primary concern in raising the loan limits is assistance to the churches who have experienced gratifying growth and need to build additional units," said Church Loans Director Robert H. Kilgore.

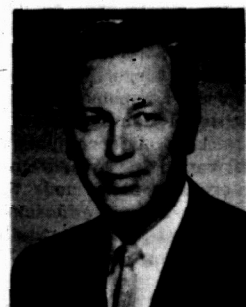
This action was possible because of the June 1967 action of Southern Baptist Convention, which gave the agency the authority to borrow funds with no ceiling limit.

Another factor is the change in which the directors have authorized for church loans division, Kilgore said. The division now has eight men devoted exclusively to counseling with churches about their building of loan needs.

## Concerning "Crossroads" Article

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record there was published an article by C. E. Colton from Dallas, Texas, which had appeared in the Home Missions Magazine for January. Inadvertently an "editor's note" was omitted which stated that the article discussed issues which had been raised in an article by Dr. R. R. Solleau in an earlier issue of Home Missions. We did not publish the article by Dr. Solleau, but felt that the issues discussed were already before Southern Baptists at this time, and that the article was of value. We regret that the explanation was omitted.

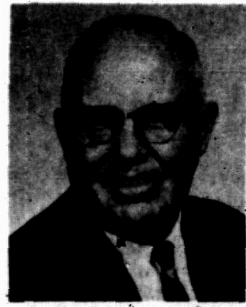
"In order that you might know where part of your Cooperative Program money goes, I will tell you how much money we have set aside for our family on the island. From the time we took our physical here, it has taken about \$6,000 to get here and settled." — Joe Tarry, Brazil.



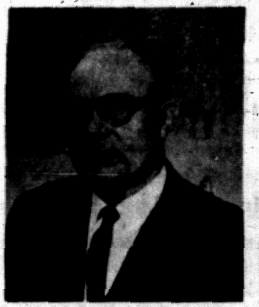
H. Franklin Paschal



Paul Meigs  
Bible Study



Leroy Smith



C. E. Autrey



Clint & Jarvis Rose Nichols  
Special Music



Mrs. Al Brodie  
Instrumentalist

## christ the only hope MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST Evangelistic Conference

February 3-5, 1969

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly  
Pass Christian, Mississippi

Monday-7:00 P.M.

"Christ—The Hope of the Church"  
Peacock — Paschal

Tuesday-7:00 P.M.

"Christ—The Heart of Our Spiritual Preparation"  
Meigs — Autrey — Paschal

Tuesday-9:30 A.M.

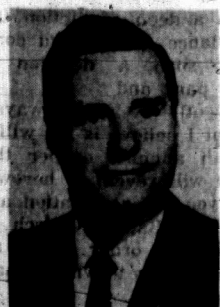
"Christ—The Hope of Humanity"  
Autrey — Meigs — Traylor

Tuesday-1:50 P.M.

"Christ—The Hope of the World"  
Meigs — Marion — Smith

Wednesday-8:45 A.M.

"Christ—The Theme of Our Message"  
Meigs — Smith — Paschal



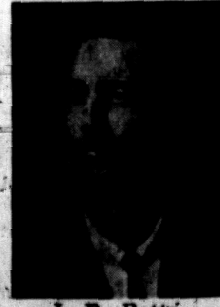
Henry Earl Peacock



Lucius Marion



Ed Sudduth  
Instrumentalist



J. B. Betts  
Song Leader



John Traylor



## A New Leader

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Dr. Hudgins has held successful pastorates in rural, small town, city and great city churches, and thus has a first hand understanding of the problems and needs of churches of all types and sizes.

He has been most active in Southern Baptist Convention life, filling numerous important convention positions, including a term as vice-president of the convention, and fifteen years as a member of the SBC Executive Committee. For two years he served as chairman of that committee. He has rendered outstanding service on numerous other SBC boards and committees, and not only is well known all across the convention, but also is familiar with almost every facet of Southern Baptist work. At the present time he is a member of the Foreign Mission Board. Last June at Houston he preached the convention sermon.

At the state level Dr. Hudgins has held practically every position of denominational leadership which a pastor can fill, both in Texas and in Mississippi. In this state he served as president of the convention for two years; as a member of the Convention Board for six years; on the Executive Committee, and as chairman of that committee for six years, as member and chairman of the Education Commission for several years; as chairman of the Building Committee when the new Baptist Building in Jackson was erected; as member of the committee which acquired Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and chairman of the Fund Campaign for renovation of and equipping of that facility; in other capacities too numerous to mention; and finally, as acting Executive Secretary for the past several months.

He has traveled to numerous mission fields, and has visited

Southern Baptist agencies, institutions and churches all across America.

He is known, respected, trusted and loved, not only all across the state of Mississippi, but everywhere in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Moreover, he is held in high esteem by people of all faiths, and of no religious affiliation, in Jackson and throughout Mississippi, where he has been active in many phases of community life, and responsible citizenship.

He probably has more friends beyond the limits of the membership of his congregation than any other preacher in Mississippi, since he has preached regularly to a vast television audience since this new media first came to Jackson.

He also has held revivals in many churches, both in Mississippi and across the nation, and has spoken in conventions, conferences, and various types of meetings all over the Southern Baptist Convention.

Out of all of this has come preparation for a task, such as few men ever have had. It would appear that God has been getting him ready for such an hour as this.

Along with many others, and with the State Convention Board which elected him, we believe that he is God's man for this day in Mississippi Baptist work, and that under his direction the convention not only will continue the program of great advance of recent years, but will move forward in an even greater thrust in meeting the challenge facing Mississippi and Southern Baptists now.

We salute Dr. Hudgins as he accepts the new responsibility which God has laid upon him, and join with other Baptists of the state in pledging to him our continued prayers, and our fullest support, as he leads our work.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Baptists Look At Changes

Jack Harwell  
In Christian Index (Ga.)

Carping critics within and without Southern Baptist life who say our denomination is sitting on its status quo, impervious to change and modernization, don't know what's going on. They are poorly informed and need to find out the facts of life.

Two meetings of major significance in December — one in Nashville and one in Atlanta — document our thesis that Southern Baptist leaders are very much open to new ideas and new techniques, while at the same time holding on to the bedrock truths of our heritage that must be maintained.

The Nashville meeting brought together 1,500 top leaders from every level of SBC life, to plan denominational emphases and programs for the decade beginning in 1970. The entire thrust of the meeting was an awareness of what is coming in the world in the next decade, and what Baptist churches and denominational leaders might do to help their people understand and minister to people in that changing world. Some revolutionary ideas were projected.

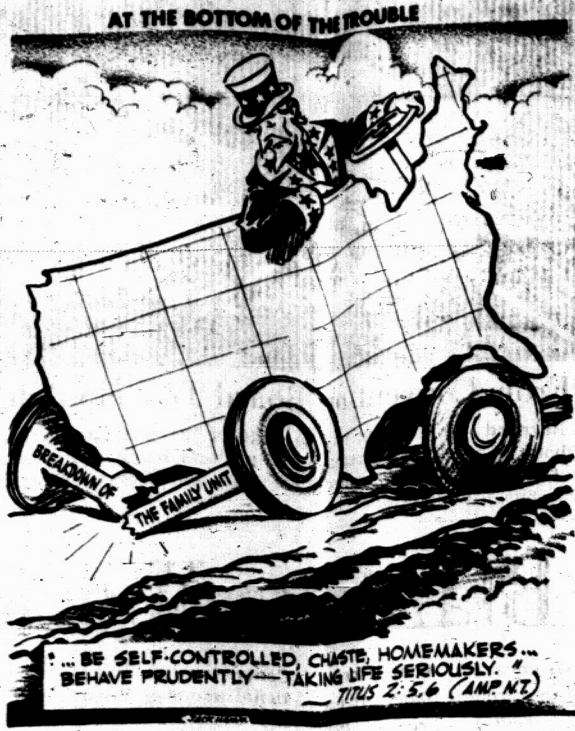
The following week, a Religious Education Symposium was held at Atlanta's Wieuca Road church under the theme of "Retooling for the '70s in Religious Education." About 175 of the finest religious educational minds in Baptist life shared in the three-day session. Innovation and imagination

were keynotes of the talks. Leaders discussed team teaching; use of closed circuit television; specialization in Biblical and theological areas; short-term teachers in specific areas; new materials on current social issues; special training for ministering to particular human needs such as alcoholism and juvenile delinquency; home study curricula and dozens of other experiments to better equip youth and adults for Christian service. This editor came away with deepened appreciation for ministers of education and their commitment.

But, in all the discussions speakers and reactors were insistent that a loving, compassionate teacher, with unquestioned loyalty to the author and the text of Holy Scripture, is still the best teaching tool available. And, they were just as adamant that the core of our teaching message not be diluted or perverted, no matter what new methods might be attempted.

Yes, Southern Baptist religious educators are aware of changes in our world, and they are giving prayerful study to the best ways to minister to our people in view of these changes.

But, they are not going to desert the Bible and its Redeemer for any new-fangled ideology or theological fad. A loving, understanding, interested, informed, studious and faithful teacher can be the human embodiment of the best teachings of that Redeemer. What kind of a teacher are you?



## NEWEST BOOKS

**JESUS AS A SOUL WINNER AND OTHER EVANGELISTIC MESSAGES** by A. T. Robertson, Baker, paper 158 pp., \$1.95

Reprint of the last book of sermons from the pen of the great Southern Baptist Seminary theological teacher, and world-renowned Greek scholar, Dr. A. T. Robertson. The title is from the first sermon, but here are 15 scholarly, warm-hearted messages on many subjects. This book reveals that the author was not only a mighty teacher and scholar, but also an expositor of God's word.

**THE TREASURY OF T. DE WITT TALMAGE** (Baker, 258 pp., paper, \$2.50)

Reprint of a book first published in 1922 under the title "Wit and Wisdom of T. De Witt Talmage." The renowned preacher's daughter, after his death, selected from his published messages hundreds of brief discussions dealing with a multitude of different subjects.

**THE BIBLE DIGEST** by Charles W. Sleemling (Kregel, 905 pp., \$9.95)

An English preacher who now has traveled all over the world lecturing on the Bible and its message, puts into one volume, lectures on every book and chapter of the Bible. The author uses both analysis and synthesis, first presenting the author of the book and the period in which it is written, and then giving a careful study of the message of the book itself. While the book is not a "commentary" as such, and will not take the place of a commentary, it is rich in valuable Bible material and will be most helpful to the student seeking to understand the Bible message.

## EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

The current educational crisis in America will be called by future generations "the unfunded revolution." McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, predicted recently.

"At every level of our educational system, the visible needs so far outrun the available resources that the very men who should be most engaged in educational reform are almost wholly preoccupied by educational maintenance," he stated.

Mr. Bundy said there is "a growing crisis of educational government," but added that "the time is long past when questions of educational poverty or even questions of race, can be examined in regional terms."

"The most important single object of federal action is the disadvantaged child. This child is both black and white, and so with this focus we can engage the concern and support of all Americans," he said.

He cited two estimates that federal assistance to higher education in 1967 from all sources should amount to \$15 billion a year, an increase of \$10 billion over the current level. He listed yet another estimate that an additional \$7 billion of federal money will be needed for 1970.

It will be very hard to get the nation to pay for real improvements, he pointed out, but it will be impossible to get it to pay for the status quo.

"The South has power" in Washington, Southerners sit where the money decisions are made in both houses," he declared, "and Southerners who have shown their power to delay can also show their power for movement and speed."

**CONTEMPORARY EVANGELICAL THOUGHT — A SURVEY**, edited by Carl F. H. Henry (Baker, 320 pp., paper, \$3.95)

The editor is an outstanding evangelical scholar, who served as editor of Christianity Today through all of its years, until a few months ago, has enlisted some of the outstanding evangelical scholars of this day, to make a survey of evangelical thought in the 20th century, in order to sketch what it is, and then to clarify it. This is not a simple book for the ordinary reader, but will be very valuable to the trained evangelical pastor or leader.

**ALL THE HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS** by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 283 pp., \$4.95)

Sermons and sermon ideas for every special day of the year, including Christmas, New Year's, Easter, as well as many holidays not recognized by the church, such as Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, etc. The author has also included messages for days common only to the church, and actually not holidays at all: Stewardship Day, Graduation Sunday, Missionary Sunday, etc. There are sermons for baccalaureate services, ordination of pastors, funeral services, etc. In addition to sermons and sermon ideas there are poems and brief meditations. An excellent sourcebook for pastors and other public speakers.

**REPENTANCE — THE JOY-FILLED LIFE** by M. Basilea Schlink (Zondervan, 63 pp., \$1.50)

The author relates her own personal spiritual experiences, in a Christian life that began with a time of remorse and repentance, and in which she later discovered the great joy of life-renewing daily repentance.

**GOD'S WILL OR MY PLANS?** by Armin Gestwein (Zondervan, 32 pp., paperback, 60 cents)

A Christian, says the author, should not ask, "How shall I plan my life?" but should rely on God's plan. The book's message is based on Romans 12:1 and 2.

## ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

Scientists have artificially created the key chemical that controls all of life — an enzyme. The feat fulfills an old dream of chemists and biologists. Without enzymes, nothing can live. They control all the biochemical reactions of all living things — man, germs, trees, fish. Digestion, breathing, heart pumping, nerve impulses, formation of body tissues, energy to move muscles, all depend on enzymes. Enzymes might be fashioned into potent new drugs. Already one enzyme shows promise in treating some cases of leukemia in children. Another shows signs of being able to prevent tooth decay.

States with newly liberalized abortion laws are reporting fewer legalized abortions than had been expected. The reason seems to be the cost and the red tape involved. In California, medical and hospital fees run \$600 to \$700, compared to \$100 for an illegal back-alley procedure. One mother of a pregnant 15-year-old reported spending \$1,800 on the necessary psychiatric, hospital and doctor bills. Says California public health specialist Dr. Keith Russell: "This is not a poor woman's law, and that's one of its main failures to date."



## Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

### Do You Have A Promise?

In the blackest year of the Great Depression, a college student dropped by my office to report that his weeks of searching for a job to keep himself in college had been fruitless. "But," he said with a confident smile, "I know that I shall not have to drop out of college: I have a promise."

Assuming that he meant that someone had promised to help if his own efforts were unavailing, I asked what he meant. He replied by quoting Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." His claiming that promise was justified, because a door of money-earning opportunity opened to him soon thereafter.

Since that time, I have had fellowship with many people who were unafraid in times of difficulty, because they, too, "had promises." Let me tell you of a few of those wonderful people.

1. A young widow with two small children and not nearly enough money for the demands of the years ahead explained to anxious friends that Deuteronomy 31:8 kept her from being anxious: "And the Lord, he is that doth go before thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed."

2. Two college boys, unknown to each other, faced the same problem: fear of undertaking the professional training for which they felt best fitted, fearing inadequacies. Both claimed

ed the promise of II Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." Both are now eminently successful in their professions!

3. A woman past retirement age undertook a responsibility which would have challenged youngsters, because she claimed a promise (Joshua 1:9): "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

4. A severely handicapped student who had chosen a vocation which one with a physical handicap would find most difficult, explained the absence of fear by quoting Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

5. So many others of my acquaintance have claimed the promises of Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 40:31, Isaiah 41:10, 13, Psalm 23, Psalm 91, and others of the wealth of promises in God's Word, and they have found victory.

Do you have a promise which strengthens and sustains? You have a "Promise Book." We call it The Bible. Why not start "mining" it now for priceless gems of promise; for, even though life may be full of strength and joy now, promises tucked into your heart now will become stars of hope in the inevitable darkness of some future experience.

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Objects To "Fox" Testimony.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received several communications concerning the recent "Fox" testimony and are publishing this as a sample, along with a statement we have received from Dr. Rainey.)

I, as a Baptist, am very much disturbed that a teacher from Mississippi College should offer testimony in a public trial in support of the controversial movie THE FOX.

I have complained directly to Dr. Rainey and I feel that many, many Baptists who have college age children or younger or-and who are interested in and love the young people of our State, feel the same way.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Johnnie Jennings  
Route 1  
Madison, Mississippi

### Dr. Rainey Says His Testimony Misinterpreted

Dear Dr. Odle:  
My attention has been directed to some apparent impressions that are completely false in regard to my testimony concerning the film "The Fox." Having been asked at the specific request of the lawyers for the defense to see a private showing of the film and to render a professional opinion about the literary merit of the film as a whole, I testified that the film was one of the most beautifully done films that I had seen. The qualities of photography and natural setting are indescribably beautiful. The technical qualities of production and editing of the film are skillful and effective.

The three scenes in the film that the State questioned are scenes of despair, frustration, agony, and sadness; they cannot be called beautiful. It is most regrettable that the undue attention focused on some scenes in the film may have left the impression that I approved of the kinds of moral conditions portrayed in the film. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Sincerely yours,  
Kenneth T. Rainey  
Assistant Professor  
Mississippi College  
Clinton, Mississippi

### American Legion Plans "Go To Church Sunday"

Dear Dr. Odle:  
American Legionnaires throughout Mississippi and the nation will observe "Go To Church Sunday" on February 2, in honor of "Four Chaplains Day."

The four chaplains were those who went down with their torpedosed ship, the Dorchester, in the icy waters off Greenland, in 1943. When there were not enough life jackets to go around, the chaplains removed their jackets

and give them to four young servicemen, selected at random in the dark. The last anyone saw of the chaplains, they were standing on the sinking deck, their arms locked together, in prayer to God.

Let's we forget, all Americans would do well to remember that many of our comrades have made the supreme sacrifice, so that others might live, and our God has made the greatest sacrifice of all!

For God and Country,  
Ivor L. Clark, Chaplain  
The American Legion  
of Mississippi  
P. O. Box 496  
Macon, Miss 39341

**Pancreas Cancers Blamed on Alcohol** — in a Tulane University study of 83 men at a hospital over a six-year period. The study revealed that 74.7% of the victims were chronic alcoholics.

### Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

**February 3** — John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke College; Jimmy D. Davis, Baptist student director, Perkinson Junior College.

**February 4** — Nancy Thrash, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing; Albert Freathy, faculty, Mississippi College.

**February 5** — Jean Callendar, staff, Children's Village; Zeno Wells, Jackson County supt. of missions.

**February 6** — Benjamin Waddle, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Lillian Weidenhammer, Wm. Carey College faculty.

**February 7** — Leonard Thompson, Mrs. Veta Thompson, Mrs. Beth Tillery, Mildred Tolar, Baptist Building employees.

**February 8** — Mrs. M. C. Waldrop, staff, Blue Mountain College; William N. Washburn, dean, Blue Mountain College.

**February 9** — Mrs. O. M. Jones, Baptist Book Store; J. N. Barron, trustee, Baptist Foundation.

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## "QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

IF A CARE is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden.—Anonymous

Survive while and build broad on the roots of things.—Robert Browning

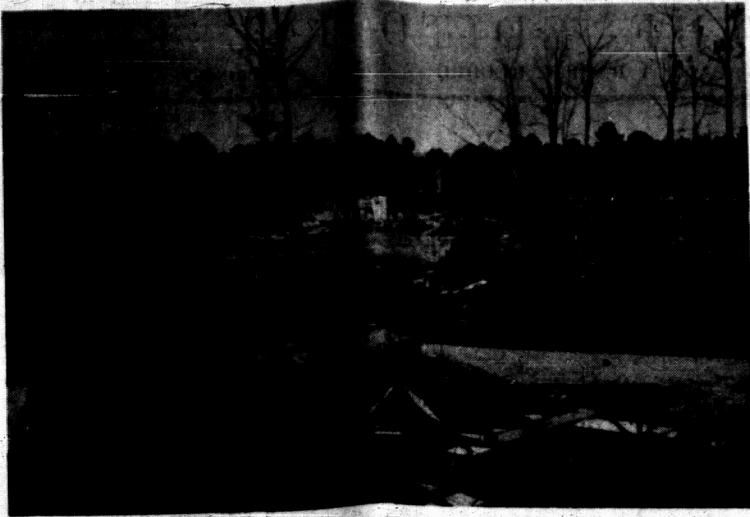
No day of sunlight is ever lost, but the green which it wakes into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted to the farmer to live to see that harvest. All work that is worth anything, is done in faith.—Albert Schweitzer





## Baptist Church Demolished By Tornado Receives \$500 From Convention Board To Help Rebuild

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, interim Executive Secretary, delivers a check for \$500 to three leaders of the Gum Springs Baptist Church near Braxton which was demolished by the tornado that went through that area last week. Those in photo at left, (from left to right) are: Dr. Hudgins, Zack Welch, L. L. Hooks



and B. L. Barnard, all standing on the edge of the wreckage of the church building. Photo at right shows remains of pastor's home in foreground with wreckage of church in the distance. The \$500 was from Convention Board emergency church building aid fund.

## Radio-TV Commission Blankets World

FORT WORTH — Each week nearly 100 million people in the United States and 40 other countries feel the impact of the worldwide broadcast ministry of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Commission programs range from those produced to pierce Communism's Iron and Bamboo Curtains to those designed for outlets in all 50 states in the U. S., such as JOT, a TV color cartoon series for children, which averages well over 1,000 fan letters a day.

In fact, thousands of letters pour into the Commission's headquarters in Fort Worth each day from all over the world — even from countries in the Red Bloc where it is a crime to listen to foreign language broadcasts. In recent months, for example, there has been a significant upsurge in correspondence from Red China. Commission programs are produced in English, Portuguese, Russian, Polish, French, Navajo, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Spanish.

Spanish speaking programs play a significant role in outreach to Texas's large Latin population. Most are

broadcast on time bought from stations in San Antonio, Harlingen and El Paso by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Baptists in other states provide similar opportunities for language groups in their area.

Religious programs, such as the Spanish versions of "The Baptist Hour," draw large Latin audiences in Texas, as do informative and entertaining programs, such as "Control-Central" (the Spanish version of the commission's widely-known "Master Control") and television's popular "The Answer" series, with dubbed in language soundtracks.

"The Answer," a 30-minute TV drama or documentary, is carried by more than 100 stations. "Master Control" is a 30-minute music-interview show. "The Baptist Hour" is a modified worship service, featuring Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and the Baptist Hour Choir, directed by soloist Joe Ann Shelton.

Each year, the commission cooperates with the three major networks in producing 15 or 20 radio and television specials.

Approximately 150 million people watched three color documentaries produced in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company — "The Vine" (the life of Christ), "The Inheritance" (the story of the Old Testament), and "Walk Beside Me" (the life and journeys of Paul).

The American Broadcasting Company has joined the commission in widely acclaimed documentaries on the alcoholic, the elderly, and the young parent.

What Southern Baptists believe, how they worship and what they plan for the future has been the subject of several television specials by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The scope of what the Radio-Television has accomplished in its 30

years of existence and what it hopes to accomplish through plans projected by its executive director, Paul M. Stevens, boggles the imagination.

The already modernistic facilities will eventually add a \$500,000 television studio which would make Texas the focal point of a vast, nationwide television network. Using existing computers and predicted refinements in electronic communications, the center would be capable of feeding video taped and filmed productions into a network serving churches throughout the 11 million-member Southern Baptist denomination.

Even now the commission plays a key role in providing broadcast production and technical assistance to churches, state Baptist conventions (such as the Baptist General

Convention of Texas) and denominational agencies throughout Texas and the United States. Program formats are suggested, copy written, musical records and tapes furnished, advertising spots produced, "how to" materials on local broadcasting prepared, broadcasting workshops for pastors conducted, etc.

The Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has brought denominational programming into the electronic age.

More than 170,000 "religious visits" are made annually by the language missionaries, who are supported by state conventions and the Home Mission Board through Cooperative Program gifts.

### Unique Experiment

## Word, Inc. Plans Caribbean Cruise As "Christian Voyage Of Self-Discovery"

A unique new experiment in Christian fellowship has been planned by the religious publishing firm WORD, Inc., of Waco, Texas. It is a seven-day cruise in the Caribbean, which combines the pleasures of ocean travel with a program of life-centered discussion headed by top Christian leaders Keith Miller, Kenneth Chaffin and Gary Demarest.

The announcement was made by J. Farrell McCracken, president of WORD, one of the country's leading publishers of Christian books, records and songs. McCracken calls the cruise a "Christian Voyage of Self-Discovery," and describes it as an

entirely new dimension in travel.

The cruise will embark May 9 from Miami, on the modern Norwegian liner, M-S Sunward, which holds 393 passengers and has been chartered especially for this voyage.

Keith Miller, noted Episcopalian leader, is the author of two best-selling books, *The Taste of New Wine* and *A Second Touch*. Kenneth Chaffin holds the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He wrote the widely-read book, *Help, I'm a Layman* and the forthcoming *Showdown in The City*. Gary Demarest, pastor of LaCana-

da California Presbyterian Church, has devoted much of his life to Christian education of youth. He is a widely-travelled preacher, teacher and counselor.

The three men will lead discussions for passengers during the entire trip.

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opened for relief forces to enter and begin the process of rebuilding, Dr. Goerner said. People who fled for their lives during the fighting are now gradually returning to their homes, seeking to begin again, he added.

"The first task of our missionaries, as they move into this distressed region, will be to feed the hungry," Dr. Goerner emphasized. "Later will come the task of rebuilding damaged churches, schools, and homes."

Many Southern Baptists, he said, have sent in gifts designated for Biafran relief, specifying that the money be used to get food and supplies to the starving children whose plight has been reported so poignantly in the secular press. "This need continues," he said, "and food is being sent through the limited channels which are available."

Dr. Goerner also noted, however, that the way is now open to send relief through avenues which have the full approval of the Nigerian government and which will reach an even wider area, involving many of the people who were formerly under Biafran control.

"In many cases," he said, "the relief funds sent in this way will be personally administered by Southern Baptist missionaries, who are thoroughly familiar with the area and who will administer relief in the name of Christ."

Missionary Edgar H. Burks, Jr., executive secretary of the Baptist Mission of Nigeria, recently visited the Port Harcourt-Joinkrama area, which has been returned to Nigerian control. He described the situation there: "There are no crops, no fowl, no sheep or goats. All of these were taken by soldiers. The rivers are full of fish, but the nets and other fishing equipment were destroyed by armies. There has been no medical attention since the Baptist hospital at Joinkrama closed."

Another missionary who personally inspected the stricken area, Rev. Urban L. Green, said his latest trip to Joinkrama showed that the situation there is becoming more desperate and many of the people are dying.

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## W. Douglas Hudgins: The Man Of The Hour For Mississippi Baptists

(Continued from page 1)

phone, and with a few quiet, pointed sentences restored order.

His keen insight, his wise judgment, and his calm thinking, in fact, have kept him much in demand in many areas of Baptist work.

On the Southern Baptist Convention level, he has served (longer than any other member) on the Executive Committee, and as chairman of that committee. Too, he has served as vice-president of the SBC, and as a member of the Foreign Mission Board.

For forty-four years, he has been pastor of Baptist churches, eleven years in Tennessee, ten in Texas, and 23 in Mississippi.

Concerning his call to the ministry, he said, "During my junior year at Carson-Newman College, our between-semester revival was led by Dr. Finley F. Gibson, then pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky. Along with a number of other students, I was singing in the choir during the campaign. On the closing Sunday Dr. Gibson was used of the Lord in making a special appeal to those college students for surrender to special service in the Christian cause. I had been wrestling with the impression that I should give myself to the ministry, but I had continued my studies in the pre-medical field. But, during the service that morning I had the incontestable impression that the Lord wanted me in the ministry. Almost before I realized it, I found myself making my way out of the choir and into a small group who had responded to the invitation. I realized that we had been singing, 'I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go,' and I almost said aloud, 'I wonder where the Lord will send me.' Several others that morning made similar decisions, and as I called my parents that evening, I fully committed myself to being a preacher.

"The next three days were trying ones. Over and over again I said to

myself, 'Now you have done it. Now you have committed yourself to being a minister. What kind of ability do you think you have that would enable you to be a preacher?' Then I discovered personally the verse from Proverbs, 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.' I believed that if I would try to do my part, God would guide my steps."

The following Wednesday morning he received a letter from Bull's Gap, Tennessee, asking him to preach his first sermon where his father had made his first speech as Tennessee's state Sunday school secretary.

Soon a small church near Lenoir City called him, and First Church, Jefferson City, ordained him to the ministry on May 4, his 20th birthday.

He recalls, "Ordination was a real experience. It certainly was no child's play. . . . On the way from the men's dormitory to the church that afternoon to meet with the examining council, I was caught in a sudden driving rain—sans raincoat or umbrella. My only recourse was to push and run I did. When I arrived at the church five minutes ahead of time I was out of breath and soaking wet—exhibiting more the appearance of a wet alreale than a human being. But there was no time for a clothing change. Four o'clock came and I was launched into the inquisition. For more than an hour I was questioned by first one and then the other of the nearly fifteen brethren present—with not the least of the questions being asked by my own deacon-father."

On the wall of his office at First Baptist Church, there is a plaque: "Charter Member of the Bass Anglers' Sportsman Society. . . . (Two of his favorite spots for fishing are Eagle Lake near Vicksburg and Lake Bruin, Louisiana. His record catch, rumor tells it, was an eight-pound bass.)" "Charter Member of the Bass Anglers. . . . Having spent a lifetime of patience and persistence in the angling efforts and hardy pursuits of. . . ."

His life has been one of patience

and persistence, too, in angling efforts for the souls of men, in hardy pursuit of goals that might be pleasing to the Lord.

In his first year as pastor he planned for an August revival meeting; the evangelist fell ill. There he was—a young boy pastor, no sermons and no experience—two services a day for ten days. . . . But he asked the Lord to direct, and he studied every night, until two or three o'clock, and he preached for that revival. There were ten or twelve additions. At the baptismal service on a Sunday afternoon, the first person he ever baptized was a man past seventy.

Since he came to First Baptist Church of Jackson from First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, in 1966, there have been 7356 additions to the church; and 1476 baptisms. Dr. Hudgins has performed 887 weddings and officiated at 1682 funerals. He has led in a \$1,300,000 building expansion program. Total contributions to the church have equalled \$8,291,601.

These figures cannot reveal the hours he has spent visiting hospitals; ministering to the needs of individuals; counseling; comforting; advising.

Nor the hours spent in sermon preparation. He is a proficient speaker. With crisp, clear enunciation, he can rapidly produce one strong, pellucid phrase after another. His penetrating mind is like a powder horn, well stocked in word ammunition. His voice "hugs each word, then drops it." A gifted pantomimic, he can talk as vividly with gestures as with words.

"Meet Mister Baptist"—The Baptist influence reaches back to his earliest childhood days in middle Tennessee, where he was born at Estill Springs.

His father, when Baptists held their first encampment at Estill Springs in 1908, decided to sell his business; interests and devote his entire time to religious work. In the years following, until the time of his accidental death from injuries in an automobile accident in 1934, he traveled ex-

tensively throughout Tennessee on behalf of the Baptists of his state as Sunday school secretary. His "program" for building a Sunday school was 1. Find 'em. 2. Fetch 'em. 3. Fix 'em. 4. Fasten 'em. 5. Follow 'em. 6. Finish 'em. (Find the prospects. Bring them to Sunday school. Provide adequate facilities, and send them to the proper departments. Make them welcome, and give them the type of Sunday school that will make them want to stay. Follow them with visitation. Develop them into well-rounded Christian personalities.)

Dr. Hudgins' mother, Lelia Barrow Hudgins, who died in 1962, was the daughter of a Baptist pastor, J. T. Barrow.

When he was ten, he was converted. He says, "In the spring or early summer, during a revival meeting held under a tent on the schoolground in the little Middle Tennessee community, I came to feel a desperate need for a Savior. On a Sunday morning at the close of the evangelist's sermon, I responded to his invitation, saying that I felt the need of Christ, and really wanted to become a Christian. The following morning, while seated on the front porch of my father's home, the family's pastor appeared and began to talk with me about the desire I had expressed the day before. Quietly he told me about how to be saved. He asked that we pray, and while he did he asked the Lord to save me. When the prayer was completed the pastor said to me, 'Son, will you accept Jesus as your Savior? To that question I remember I replied, 'Brother Byrom, I trusted the Lord while you were praying.'"

A few days later he joined the church and subsequently was baptized in Taylor's Creek.

"My conversion experience was void of the dramatic; it was a very simple, quiet thing, but I know God took me that day as his own and of my Savior I have no doubt."

After preparatory school at Fitzgerald Clark Military Academy, he attended and graduated from Carson-Newman, a Baptist college, and from Southern Baptist Seminary. He com-

pleted requirements for the Th.M. degree at the latter, was offered a Fellowship in the Theology Department, and began work toward the doctorate. A short time later, he was supplying for Dr. R. G. Lee at Bellevue Church, Memphis, when a pulp committee informed him that he had been called to the pastorate of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas. He felt that this was where God was leading, and he followed. Some years later, Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

On September 1, 1927, he married Blanche Jones, native of Missouri, at that time a resident of Knoxville, Tennessee. The couple had first met at an East Tennessee Assembly in Jefferson City.

Mrs. Hudgins is a graduate of Virginia Intermont College of Bristol, where she completed majors in both piano and voice. An accomplished musician, she is a cellist with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and served as church pianist. She is past president of the Monday Luncheon Club and a member of the Research Club. She has been a director of the Jackson Symphony and a first vice-president of the Symphony League. She has been active in the Jackson Music Association.

In her church, she is a Sunday school teacher of adult women, and has served in various capacities in WMU and other church activities.

Dr. and Mrs. Hudgins have three sons, all now married, and five grandchildren. R. Douglas Hudgins is president and manager of the North Jackson Air Service. W. Robert Hudgins of Memphis and James J. Hudgins of St. Louis, Missouri, are both medical doctors.

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## Teachings About The Kingdom

By Clifton J. Allen  
Mark 4:1-34

Jesus now began to teach in parables, by which the truth was veiled from persons unwilling to hear and by which the truth was impressed unforgettably upon persons who were teachable and desirous to learn. At first, not even his disciples understood the parables or the reason for the new method. Jesus wisely sought not to precipitate a premature clash with his enemies, and he sought to interpret to the disciples and others willing to learn the deep truths pertaining to the kingdom of God. The parable of the sower—more properly, of different kinds of soils—illustrates the different kinds of hearers of the gospel message.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**Truth and Responsibility (vv. 21-25)**  
The kingdom of God is in many ways a revelation of truth. It is light for a world in darkness. This is suggested by the parable of the lamp and lampstand. A lamp is never meant to be covered up; it is placed so that its light will dispel darkness. Likewise, the truth of the kingdom of God does drive back the darkness of evil. It provides moral and spiritual direction for persons willing to receive the kingdom. Ultimately, the truth of the kingdom will expose the hidden things of evil. Also, its joy and blessedness and power and glory will come to light.

Man's capacity to hear and understand the word of God obligates him to listen and to seek to understand. Jesus emphasized this with his clear injunction, "Take heed what ye hear." The measure of a person's attention to and interest in the truth from God will determine what he receives. The paradox in verse 25 is a basic law of life. It means that the person who has the habit of acquiring

will continue to gain more; the person who does not have the habit of acquiring will lose what he has. The person who is openminded toward Jesus Christ and who seeks to learn from him will gain more and more understanding.

**Growth and Harvest (vv. 26-29)**  
Jesus used a simple illustration: A man plants seed; the processes of nature work silently; the seed sprouts, grows into a plant, and the grain matures, ready for harvest. We learn much about the kingdom of God from this. It has in it the germ of life. It becomes a living reality in the human heart. When Christ is received as Lord and Saviour, the rule of Christ becomes operative in the Christian's life. In the individual's experience, we cannot fully understand the process by which faith in Christ produces goodness and service in a Christian life. God does not work arbitrarily in the Christian's life. There must be responsiveness on the part of the Christian.

**Beginning and Fulfillment (vv. 30-32)**  
Jesus described the kingdom of God as something which has the smallest beginning but grows to the largest dimensions. The tiny mustard seed grows up to become "greater than all herbs" or the largest shrub. It is large enough to provide a living place for "the fowls of the air." The kingdom movement begun by Jesus was tiny in its manifestation, but it has become and it is becoming a mighty force in the life of the world. "The fowls of the air" is possibly a prophetic figure (Dan. 4:20-22) Ezek. 17:23) to suggest that the nations of mankind will ultimately find their place in the kingdom of God. Surely, also, this figure emphasizes the security of all persons who acknowledge Christ as Lord and who thus come under the power of his dominion.

**Truths to Live By**  
Hearing is important. We hear the commands of the Lord if we are willing to obey them. A person is wise or foolish just to the degree that he

## Christ's Mission In The World

Mark 10:42-45 Luke 19:1-10

By Bill Duncan

More books have been written about Jesus than any man who has ever lived. Yet he died like a common criminal. The truth about Jesus' influence can never fully be told. The unique thing about Jesus lies in his mission here to the world. Many people of his day rejected him because they did not go along with his mission. Some thought that he would set up an earthly Kingdom and would rule the world from Jerusalem. But he said his Kingdom was not of this world.

The men and women who have accepted him as the Messiah find in Him the answer to their every problem and the hope for their every dream. They are the ones who truly know His worth.

Before He was ever born the angels told Mary that he would save his people from their sins. The nature and manner of His mission was not fully explained, but many accepted by faith Jesus as the Mes-



siah. Jesus extended His ministry to all people who would believe in him. He was the long-awaited Saviour about whom the prophets had told the people. He was the hope of all people everywhere.

**The Nature of His Mission**  
The question of James and John aroused a deep question in the minds of the disciples about the kind of Kingdom they were seeking. Therefore, Jesus set about to explain the difference in the Kingdom of the world and His Kingdom. In the Kingdom of the world the standard of greatness was power. But in the Kingdom of Jesus the standard was that of service. "Greatness consisted not in reducing other men to one's service, but in reducing oneself to their service."

Jesus had great powers but he did not choose to use these powers; he wanted to give himself and all his power to the service of others. He had come to give His life a ransom for many. The price of suffering was the ransom of love. The blood of Jesus Christ was the life given for the salvation of all men who would believe. Whatever you might say, it cost God the life of Jesus Himself to bring men back from their sin into the love of God.

Until the disciples could come to share in that program of work then they could never know the mission of Jesus. The question is not how great, but how many, have you served. Jesus wanted to save all people who are willing to believe in Him and give their lives in service. This is the cost of discipleship.

**The Manner of His Mission**  
God, who had been seeking his sheep, sent his son to the earth to seek and save that which is lost. The story of Zacchaeus is an example of Jesus overcoming social, economic, racial distinctions in order to reach persons who were lost from him. Zacchaeus was a tax-collector for the Roman government and most likely the most hated man in Jericho. In

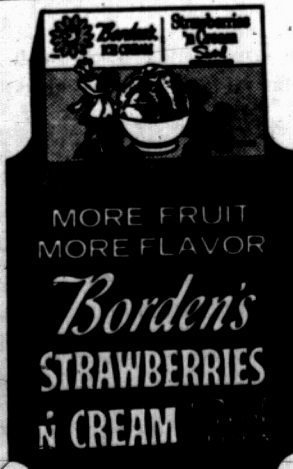
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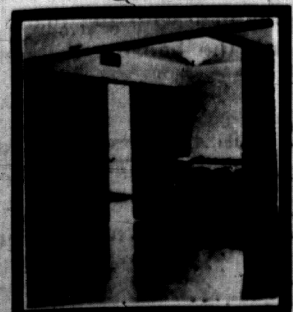
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Here is your opportunity to take positive action to improve the quality of the learning that takes place among adults in all the organizations of your church. To invite a team of two of these men to your church or to secure further information, contact Bill Latham in your State Training Union Department.

To be fair, no preference will be shown. First choice will be given to the first church to extend invitations; and the date for the laboratory in your church will be arranged at a time convenient to you and your team.

## Chalybeate Church

### Training Union Steadily Climbs

The Training Union of Chalybeate Church has been awarded the Merit Achievement Recognition of the Church Training Program. This is

the first time their Training Union has ever received such an award.

Under the directorship of Travis Jamieson, the Union has steadily increased over the past year. He was awarded the Associational Attendance Banner at the associational 'M' Night, for highest percentage of members present.

During this past summer the Training Union broke previous records which had existed for 10 years.

## Should I Make A Will?

All that you have will someday belong to others. The wise thing is to plan intelligently where to leave it.

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## MUSIC

### Singing Churchmen To Sing For Evangelistic Conference, Feb. 4 Gulfshore Baptist Assembly



On Tuesday night, February 4, the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, under the direction of Dan C. Hall, State Music Director, will sing for the State Evangelistic Conference, Gulfshore Assembly. All men singers (ministers of music, lay music directors, pastors, educational directors) are invited to sing with the group.

The Tuesday's schedule is as follows:

- 3:00 Rehearsal in auditorium
- 4:15 Miniature concert by Clint & Jarvis Rose Nichols
- 4:45 Fellowship supper at Annie's Restaurant
- 6:00 Assemble in gym for warm-up
- 8:30 Sing for conference

Music will be provided at the rehearsal. Each singer is to be responsible for his own lodging.

### Other Singing Engagements by Singing Churchmen

June 10 — Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, New Orleans Seminary  
October 16-24 — Music Seminar and Tour, Nashville, Tennessee

### Oldest Missionary Dies

Dr. J. R. Saunders, who served 42 years as a Southern Baptist missionary to China and then in retirement found new ways to extend an arm of love across the Pacific to Asia's orphans, died January 21 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

When death came at the age of 95, he was the oldest living Southern Baptist missionary.

Funeral services were to be held Thursday, January 23, in Trinity Baptist Church, Santa Monica, Calif., with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Calif. The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of donations to Pan Pacific Centers, Inc., which he and his wife established in 1950 to promote East-West understanding.

Among Dr. Saunders' survivors are his widow, the former Mary Ellen Hunt, and a daughter, Mary Lucile, a missionary to the Philippines.

When he retired from active missionary service January 1, 1944, Dr. Saunders had founded 41 orphanages

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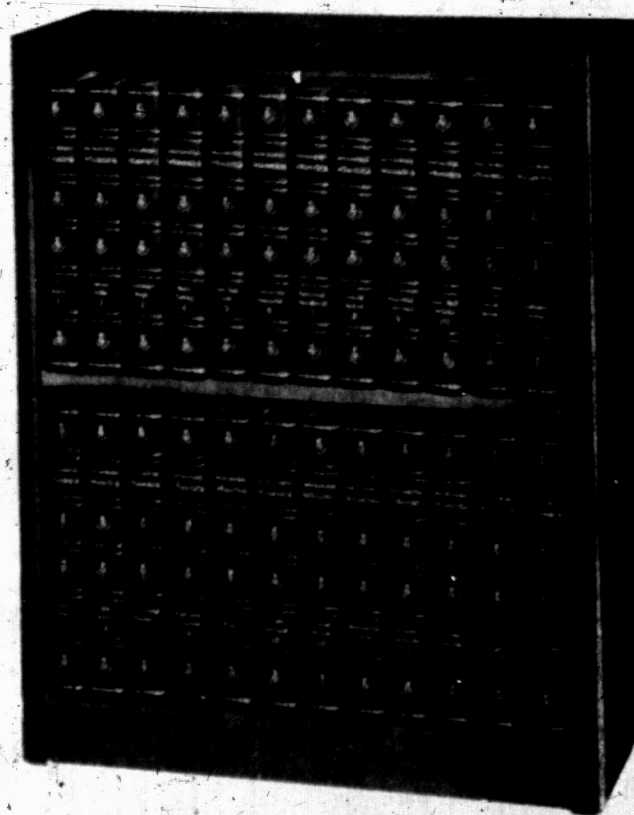
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## Devotional

## CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE

## PSALM 23

By James Harrell, Associate, Stewardship Department

No doubt the 23rd Psalm is one of the most familiar and best loved portions of the Scriptures. You would do well to quote it from memory or open your Bible and read it before you read these lines.

This is a pastoral Psalm. The picture is the faithful shepherd out on the rugged hillside with his flock. The sheep depend on the shepherd for their livelihood, their protection, their direction, their care. The writer, considering himself a member of the flock, makes several affirmations.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF SALVATION

"The Lord is my shepherd." A personal relationship is affirmed. Just any shepherd is not sufficient. Only Jehovah, the Eternal God, the One and Only is sufficient. No Ephraim Unum. This is one whose trust is wholly in the Lord.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF SUSTENANCE

The Shepherd provides His own with all their needs. No lack is ever experienced. Knowing where the still, cool, refreshing waters are, He leads His precious ones to it and sees them drink to their fill. Knowing the place of the green, nourishing fields, He leads His flock there to observe them take their fill until they can eat no more. Whoever saw an animal lie down in a green pasture who was hungry?

## AN AFFIRMATION OF STRENGTH

The Shepherd uses His rod and staff for the good of His sheep. With the staff, the young, adventurous, careless lamb who has fallen into a ravine is gently lifted up and placed on the path again. With the rod the attacking lion is chased away. Such strength to know that the Shepherd is always present and that He knows when a sheep is in trouble and in need of His help!

But, that same rod is used to discipline that wayward sheep who wants to eat from the pasture that belongs to the other shepherd. Comfort! Yes, comfort and strength come when the sheep knows that discipline is used to keep him in the correct path. Comfort and strength come from the knowledge that the Shepherd desires every member of the flock to be obedient and to receive strength from His table.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT

No evil can bring fear nor discouragement. No valley is too deep or too dark to travel through since the sheep has knowledge that the Shepherd knows the way and that He has already been through that shadowy valley.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF SAFETY

Every need is met. Not even the Evil One can snatch even one of the youngest or weakest sheep from the care of the Eternal Shepherd.

Sure knowledge of His loving care can belong to one throughout his entire lifetime. And he can know when he comes to the end of his life that he is to be in the house of his Shepherd forever. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)

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## Como Offering Up 13%

A final tabulation of gifts by Como Church to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering showed an increase of 13 percent over the amount given last year. The church gave \$2033.30 this year, as compared to \$1796.00 in 1967. According to records of previous years, the amount given in 1968 was the largest of any year, and was a 325 percent increase over 1958.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the church, under the leadership of Mrs. Lamar Holcombe, led the church in the missions emphasis. Rev. Eugene Strickland is pastor.

## Blind Minister Graduates



Ken Reed, Brookhaven senior makes notes on his portable Braille machine which operates like a typewriter. Ken plans to enter a seminary after graduation to prepare for the ministry.

Among the 22 mid-year graduates at William Carey College is a unique individual who has conquered a major handicap.

Kenneth Reed, senior religion and philosophy major, has only a small degree of sight. He has successfully completed his college work with the use of a portable Braille Machine which operates like a typewriter. Ken does not consider his education complete by any means and plans to continue studying at New Orleans Seminary.

"My visual imparity is my least problem. I guess by biggest problem is the fear of defeat. I overcome this fear by my day-to-day walk with the Master and feeding upon His Word," stated Ken.

Ken was born blind. After 3 major operations, medical science was able to give him only partial sight. He is not one who seeks or desires the pity of other students. He feels that everybody has a handicap of one kind or another which he must rise above in order to realize his full potential.

Ken began his education at the Mississippi School for the Blind, a state-supported institution in Jackson, at the age of 8.

Another important step in his life was his call into the gospel ministry at the age of 16. "I felt my handicap would be a stumbling block to my efficiency in the ministry. This was the excuse I gave to God." Ken's ability to laugh at himself has carried him a long way. He recalls one humorous event in which he was playing golf. "I will never forget that game. I was about to make my play on the number 9 hole. I putted the ball and got a hole in one... but on the number ten green."

"I'll never forget when I first came

here. I was coming down the stairs in Lawrence Hall in a frustrated mood while trying to get everything situated in my room. As I went down the stairs, another student, arms loaded, came up the stairs, and we collided. I remember his yelling, 'What's wrong? Are you blind or something?' Without thinking I told him, 'You guessed it.' We later became the best of friends."

Ken has earned the reputation of being a delightful and conscientious student on the Carey campus. Never asking for special privileges, he is ever concerned about the welfare of others. "If my Braille typewriter makes too much noise," he often comments to his professors, "I'll be happy to try to get my class notes some other way."

Ken has proved to both the students and faculty alike on the Carey campus that success, regardless of the situation, is determined by one's dedication to a goal in life and to the power of Christ to help fulfill that goal.

## Yazoo Deacon Dies

John Franklin Watson of Yazoo City, deacon of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, died on December 25, 1968.

His fellow deacons have adopted a resolution of tribute to the life of Mr. Watson. Drawn up by Dr. Donald B. Roark, chairman of deacons, the statement in part, said,

"On December 25, the Supreme Judge of all mankind summoned John Franklin Watson before the heavenly tribunal. He called before this highest court one who was eminently fitted and well prepared for that noble duty."

Through the many years of his active life, John Franklin Watson had been a counselor of proven value and worth to a host of friends and associates who relied upon his careful work, his sound judgment, and his basic knowledge which was fixed upon the guiding stars of eternal principles.

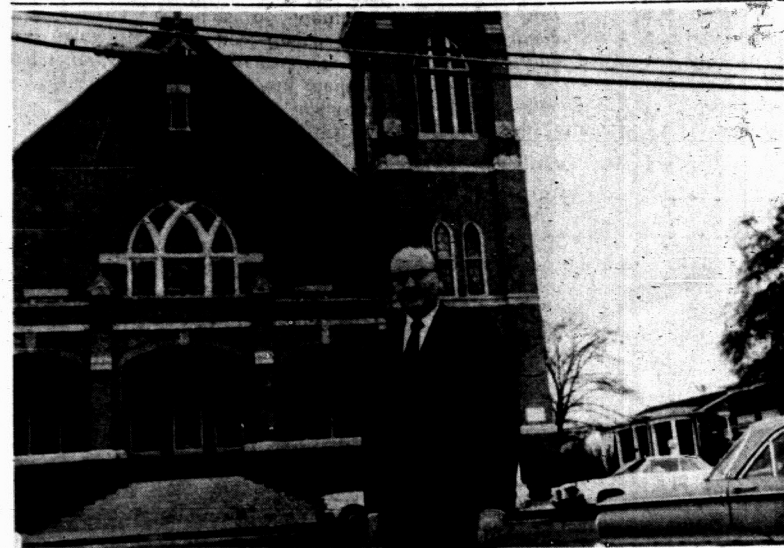
"Wide were his interests and deep his capacity for friendship with a charm and a vital zest for living, a warm and friendly greeting, a genuine concern for others in the time of trouble, and countless other Christian virtues."

"In the celestial courtroom far beyond this earthly realm, there is today a new advocate gracing the eternal halls through all the years that have no end."



## First, Ellisville, Builds New House

THE LOVELY NEW HOME WAS ERECTED BY First Church, Ellisville, for their minister of music-education at a total cost of \$21,340 and consists of three bedrooms, two baths and has central heating and air-conditioning, wall to wall carpeting, and seamless floors. All modern conveniences can be found in the kitchen, with built-in range and dishwasher. The architectural drafting and design was done by Billy Hankins of Laurel, with Charles Wade of Petal, as contractor. Building Committee: B. F. Eubanks, Chairman; Harold Hardee, Harry Garrett, Mrs. Howard Laird, and Mrs. Jack Myers. Dewitt Pickering is serving as minister of music and education. Rev. W. C. (Buddy) Burns is pastor.



## Columbus, First, Is Fourth In Per Capita Giving

The First Baptist Church of Columbus has maintained a high level of mission giving for many years. This past year, 1967-68, they were number four in the state both in per capita giving and in total giving to missions, through the Cooperative Program. The pastor of many years, Dr. S. R. Woodson, credits the great missionary spirit of his people to a strong WMU and Baptist Men's Organizations, a continuing emphasis upon world missions in the Training Union, well-planned observance of the various seasons of prayer each year and an annual stewardship emphasis.

This church has pledged its annually increasing budget each year for twenty-two years. The Forward Program of Christian Stewardship has been used every year since its inception and the Every Member Canvass was followed for many years prior to the Forward Program. Forty-two percent of the total budget receipts is designated for missions with about 34% going through the Cooperative Program. Dr. Woodson says, "This mission spirit did not develop overnight. It is the outgrowth of many years of missionary teaching and emphasis."

## Names In The News



Leland Hart, Jr. and Michael Lee Smith were recently ordained by East Heights Church, Tupelo (Rev. James M. Moore, pastor), as ministers of music. Mr. Smith is serving as minister of music at Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson (Rev. Joe Rayalty, pastor). Mr. Hart is minister of music at East Heights.

Joe Allen Benton, J. M. Benton, Joe Welch, and Edward Earl Welch were recently ordained as deacons at Jupiter Church, Simpson County. Rev. John Jones, pastor at Jupiter, has recently moved to the county to be nearer his field of work.

Rev. Forrest H. Watkins, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead Hillcrest Church, New Albany, in a week-end new church member orientation course in connection with their "CRU" side of the Americas" meeting preparation on February 15-16. Rev. Wayne Neal is pastor.

Rev. Lonnie E. Williams of Roxie has been recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Roxie church. Ministers who participated in the ordination were: Rev. Fred Robertson of Natchez, Rev. Charles Williams of Roxie, Rev. Ray Walters and Rev. Richard Pass of Natchez, Rev. Hilton Coward of McCall Creek, Dr. Otis Jones of Bude, and Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor of the Roxie Church. Clifford Whitehead presented the Bible on behalf of the Roxie Church. Mr. Williams has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Bethesda Church, Jefferson County.

Dr. G. Othell Hand, pastor of First Church, Columbus, Georgia, will deliver the annual Tharpe Lectures to the faculty and student body of the New Orleans Seminary February 4 through 6th. Dr. Hand, a native Mississippian, has held pastorates in Virginia, Florida, and North Carolina prior to his going to Columbus in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. McGlamery, recently reappointed mis-

sionaries, are scheduled to leave for Gaza on February 9. (They may be addressed at Box 44, Ashkelon, Israel.) He is a native of Supply, Okla.; she is the former Oriene Ellis, of Ackerman, Miss.

Miss Kathleen Roberts of the Darmstadt Opera Company, Darmstadt, Germany, was guest soloist in a recent performance of the folk musical, "Good News," given at the Darmstadt Community Chapel on January 12. The musical was performed by the Christian Crusaders, a Protestant young adult group of the Darmstadt chapel. Miss Roberts is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts of Jackson, Miss.

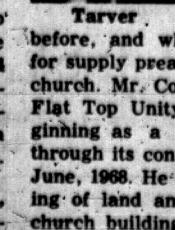
Rev. Jerry Beatty has accepted the call of Glenfield Church, New Albany, to become minister of music. A native of Union County and a student at New Albany High School, Mr. Beatty plans to continue his education in the field of music, in a Baptist college.

His father is minister of music at Pleasant Ridge Church, Union County. Rev. Walter Gurley is pastor at Glenfield.

Clarence Wilson, Jr. and Stanley Ray Tarver both surrendered to the gospel ministry on January 19, at Flat Top Unity Church near Picaune. Their decisions were made known at an evening service, after the young men had given their testimonies.

Both are 17. Wilson is a sophomore and Tarver is a senior at Picaune Memorial High School. After graduation from high school, both plan to enter college to prepare for the ministry. These decisions were a special blessing to the pastor, Rev. Clarence C. Cooley, who had presented his resignation the week before, and who is at present open for supply preaching or pastorate of a church. Mr. Cooley has been with the Flat Top Unity Church since its beginning as a mission in 1967, and through its constitution as a church in June, 1968. He has led in the purchasing of land and in the erection of a church building.

Wilson



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Tarver

Main Street To Telecast  
Sunday Morning Services

Sunday, January 19, the 11 a.m. worship hour of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, was telecast for the first time over WDAM, TV, channel 7. With the exception of a brief remote telecast on the news, this was the



Rev. G. C. Cox

## To Enter Evangelism

Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox has resigned the pastorate of Oak Park Church, New Orleans, La., effective the end of January, for the purpose of entering the field of full-time evangelism.

Mr. Cox was pastor in Jackson, Miss. for seventeen years at the Hillcrest church, which has been one of the leading churches in baptisms year after year. The last full year in which he was pastor there, Mr. Cox baptized 122 people, second in the state, with only one church baptizing two more than Hillcrest.

At Oak Park, during Mr. Cox's first year as pastor, 148 people were baptized, making the church second or third in the state of Louisiana for that year. During all the time he has been at Oak Park (over two years) he has baptized between 250 and 300 people.

His wife, Maxine, who has been soloist in several crusades and revivals, will be available for soloist work wherever her services are needed.

A native of Iowa, Mr. Cox is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

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first remote television program to be seen over that station.

About four months ago, the church voted to televise the 11:00 worship hour each Sunday. During these four months, WDAM TV, has been assembling a unit for remote telecast.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is pastor of the Main Street Church.

Many have asked the estimated number of people who would be in the viewing audience. That's of course, would only be a guess. The American Research Bureau has made a survey of the station and discovered that there are viewers in 25 counties which have a total of 182,000 television sets. Another survey revealed that every week WDAM TV programs are viewed in over 72,000 homes.

In addition to other communities where WDAM TV is viewed, it is on the cable in 11 or more cities; among those communities that are on the cable are Philadelphia, Meridian, Waynesboro, Mobile, Biloxi, Picaune, Bogaloussa, La., Franklinton, La., Columbia, McComb, and Brookhaven.

For 23 and 1/4 years, the Main Street Church has missed only one Sunday broadcasting from one to three services on Radio Station WFOR. At present, in addition to the 11:00 and 7:30 worship hours, WFOR also carries the gospel hour at 8:15 each Sunday morning from the church.

The purpose of the radio and television coverage for the services at the church is primarily to reach those who for different reasons cannot or do not attend church.

Guest Speaker At  
Michigan Conference

Rev. Gwin Turner, pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, was one of the main speakers at the Michigan Baptist Evangelism Conference in Detroit January 23-24, according to W. B. Oakley, Michigan's secretary of evangelism.

The two-day conference met in the Ever Baptist Church, Rev. Raymond Crews, pastor.

Mr. Turner spoke Thursday afternoon and Thursday and Friday evenings on "Christ-Centered Preaching," "Hope in the Power of Christ," and "The Holy Spirit in Revival."

The Crusade of America's theme, "Christ the Only Hope," was the theme of the conference. Fred Hubbs is executive secretary of the Michigan Baptist Convention.



W. M. Arnold

MC Student To Direct  
Ridgecrest Recreation

NASHVILLE — William Meredith Arnold, a student at Mississippi College, Clinton, will be director of recreation during 1969 conferences at Ridgecrest Assembly.

Arnold will be responsible for guest recreation and will supervise ten staffers. He will also help provide staff recreational activities, according to Leon Mitchell, sports and facilities consultant, Church Recreation Department, Sunday School Board, SBC.

A former resident of Memphis, Tenn., Arnold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arnold of that city.

Arnold has served as summer youth director, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., and Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss.

He is married to the former Margaret Hale, 1968 graduate of Mississippi College.



Rev. Gwin Turner

Off The  
Record

## FAMILY PLAN

A young man walked into a pawnshop, pawned a valuable camera and then proceeded to select and buy a wedding ring from a nearby counter. The following day he returned with the bride, pawned the wedding ring, redeemed the camera, stepped outside and photographed his bride in all her wedding finery.

Two hours later the couple returned, pawned the camera and the wedding dress, selected two pieces of luggage... and left on their honeymoon.

## DIRECTION

"Pardon me, sir, but aren't you putting your saddle on backwards?" "Some cowboy you are! You don't even know which way I'm headed."

## S. S. Lesson — — — — —

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this unhappy state he was seeking help and was interested in Jesus. In his desperate state he sought Jesus. Most children's pictures of this story have Zacchaeus up a tree and Jesus talking to him. Yet the greatest lesson is shown in Jesus' standing at the driveway about to go into Zacchaeus' house with him attempting to show all the community that Zacchaeus is a changed man.

Zacchaeus decided to give half of his goods to the poor and the other half he did not intend to keep but to use in making restitution for the frauds of which he had been self-confessedly guilty. He was giving a testimony about his sincerity.

Zacchaeus is an example of the kind of change Jesus can bring about in the lives of men who he seeks and saves. Jesus is interested in every man. He loves the lovely and the unlovely. There is nothing that is too big for him.

Jesus was primarily interested in saving people. His salvation brought about social, economic and racial reforms. But he started with the heart of unbelief and brought a change to be. The life was changed because the cross had been applied to that life. Man can try today to help people, but the help people need the most is salvation. That is why evangelism needs to be the foremost program of the church. If this is not in the life of the church, then the church is not in the mission of Jesus.